

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE MEETING, Oct 12, 2016, 7:30 pm, Town Hall Annex

Attending: Eric Ammondsson, Eliza Burden, Rebecca Edmondson, John Ellis, Susan Stamps

Also Attending: Tim Lecuivre (Tree Warden), Mike Rademacher (DPW)

Absent: Mary Ellen Aronow, Ed Trembly, Mara Vatz

Item 1. Approving minutes. Delayed due to no quorum

Item 2. DPW update:

Fall planting. 100 bare root trees have been ordered. 40 small, 30 med, 30 large. we have 98 spots checked out.

Scannell Field. Tim walked the site with Jon Marshall, new Rec Dept head and Jeff Rikman (DPW Parks Dept) to plot out trees. Tim has also been in touch with Friends of Spy Pond. ATC members advised Tim to be in touch with the Gibbs School subcommittee to bring up the issue of using this field as a satellite field for the school.

Town tree planting in setback. Tim will work on this during the winter.

Tree Preservation bylaw. (See below)

Tree hearings. 96 Oakland Ave. When Tim went to look at it, the contractor had already severed the roots, so he was fined with triple damages, cost of tree removal, etc This totaled over \$4000. Another hearing re: 83 Dorothy Rd will be held on Oct 24, 10am, 51 Grove St. The same builder is constructing a residence there and wants to remove another tree. Susan thinks the potential damages to a contractor if they do not comply with the process should be on the website so contractors are aware of potential consequences. John Ellis will look into this.

Mass Ave corridor, E Arlington. The plan is to have contractor replace 31-33 trees this fall that have not survived. Tim has been in touch with them. Also there was a discussion about the trees that appear to have been planted too low.

Tim using tree inventory data? Tim is not using the inventory data yet but he hopes to keep it up to date. John Ellis explained that he looked up a tree that will have a hearing (for removal) and found the info on the tree was already on our open tree map.

Item 3. Arlington Center Improvements. If the ATC wants to submit a comment to planning dept as a committee, we can do that. For example, we can write a message saying we want to express our interest in preserving mature trees where possible. We can discuss it at our Nov mtg once members have had a chance to review the proposed plans.

Item 4. Tree Preservation Bylaw. Tim had discussion with Mike Byrne about process. They are in communication. Susan mentioned needing to come up with a list of contractors doing

work in town that we'd send bylaw flyer to once it is complete. John Ellis looking into how to gather names and addresses from the online database of building records. The builders will pay for the fee to the DPW. Mike will look into how this money gets directed to the Trees Please fund. Susan will work on the bylaw flyer.

Item 5. Tree Inventory. We have about 1000 trees mapped to date. We were given another month of subscription to continue the effort. Arlington has 100 miles of public ways. 25 miles of private roads. Grant: John E working on grant. Becky's editing the document. John's getting pieces to Becky.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree watering reminders. John Ellis will remind Joan to put out another reminder to continue watering despite cool temps and recent rains.

Brief discussion about the possibility of working with the Long term planning committee to discuss what happens with long term projects, sustainability, watering, etc. There is concern that the new plantings at project such as Thompson School have not thrived because there is not a system in place.

Town Day recap

Review of Correspondence: Villandry requesting a tree removal (he was directed to the Request/Answer center), and Jason Oser requesting help with a private tree. Tim had a conversation with him. Becky E. made a recent change to the website: She added a link to the pruning trees tab directing people to the Request/Answer Center.